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TURK THEN STATED HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT ON KHRUSHCHEV SUGGESTION OF TRADE CUBAN MISSILES FOR TURKISH JUPITERS. HIS GOVERNMENT ASKED HIM TO REMIND NAC THAT JUPITERS HAD BEEN PLACED IN TURKEY AT REQUEST OF COUNCIL, WERE THERE FOR DEFENSE OF NATO AND THEREFORE IT WAS QUITE PROPER FOR PRESIDENT AND ALL OTHER NAC MEMBERS TO REFUSE TO CONSIDER ANY TRADE WHATSOEVER. ANY CHANGE IN THIS DEPLOYMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY NAC AS WHOLE. HIS GOVERNMENT ASKED HIM EMPHASIZE HOWEVER HOW UNFORTUNATE IT WAS THAT PRESS IN SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES HAD URGED A DEAL OF JUPITERS FOR CUBAN MISSILES WHICH OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGED KHRUSHCHEV TO MAKE SUCH PUBLIC OFFER.

CANADA THEN REFERRED TO STRONG DIEFENBAKER STATEMENT RE GRAVITY OF SOVIET UNION HAVING BROUGHT MISSILES TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WHICH WAS MOST SERIOUS MATTER FOR ALL WORLD AND FACT THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE MADE IT IMPERATIVE WE SHOULD NOT NOW BE COMPLACENT EVEN IF MISSILES REMOVED. IT IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT OPPORTUNITY BE TAKEN TO DISCUSS IMPORTANCE ISSUES WHICH MUST BE FACED IN FUTURE AND ADDED THAT IF UN ALLOWED INSPECT DISMANTLING MISSILES CUBA THIS MIGHT BE FIRST PRECEDENT FOR ARMS INSPECTION UNDER BROADER DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT.

US, AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR REMARKS MADE ABOUT HANDLING OF SITUATION BY PRESIDENT, STATED NAC ITSELF

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SHOULD BE PROUD WITH VERY FINE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WHICH IT SHOWED YESTERDAY IN FACE OF MOST SERIOUS DANGERS. THIS SHOWED FUNDAMENTAL SOUNDNESS AND GOOD SENSE OF ALLIANCE. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS NOT IN ORDER TO MERELY CONGRATULATE OURSELVES OR TO RELAX. US THEN SUGGESTED THAT NAC SHOULD GIVE ITS SUPPORT, AS APPROPRIATE AND WOULD BE HELPFUL, TO MOVES BY ITS CONSTITUENT GOVERNMENTS, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBLE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOLLOWING THE CUBAN SETTLEMENT TO: 1) ACHIEVE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN WEST AND RUSSIA; 2) MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT; AND 3) ACHIEVE SOME IMMEDIATE RESULTS IN AREA OF PARTIAL DISARMAMENT.

GREEK, EXPRESSING WARM APPRECIATION FOR TACT AND FIRMNESS OF PRESIDENT, REMINDED NAC CRISIS CONTINUING. HE RECALLED BOTH KHRUSHCHEV'S AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES TALKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF WARSAW-NATO ARRANGEMENTS WHICH COULD LEAD TO PARTIAL DISARMAMENT, AND THEREFORE THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED TO ASSURE THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY BE MADE ARE REALISTIC. IT IS ESSENTIAL THEREFORE THAT NAC BE KEPT CONTINUALLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AND OTHER FIELDS.

ITALY STATED HIS GOVERNMENT GRATIFIED AT SOLIDARITY SHOWN BY NAC 28TH AND HIS PRIME MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED MOST WARM APPRECIATION FOR SUPERB WAY PRESIDENT HAD HANDLED CRISIS AND SHOWN THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP NEEDED. ITALY ALSO WARNED SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS AND FIND OUT WHICH ROAD WE ARE GOING TO TAKE BECAUSE, AS POINTED OUT EARLIER, KHRUSHCHEV HAS SEVERAL ROADS HE MIGHT FOLLOW.

COLONNA SUMMED UP MEETING BY STATING IT CLEAR ALL DESIRED, NOW THAT FIRST SATISFACTORY HURDLE HAD BEEN PASSED, TO GIVE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHERE WE SHOULD GO IN FUTURE. WE HAVE TWO PRINCIPAL PATHS WE MUST WATCH: THOSE LEADING TO PEACE AND TO WAR.

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